GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:614
ANSWERED ON:17.05.2007
AGREEMENT ON TRANS-ASIAN RAILWAY
Vallabbhaneni Shri Balashowry

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have recently approved the signing and ratification of the Inter-governmental agreement on Trans-Asian Railway;

(b) if so, the details of the project; and

(c) the total investment involved and the share of Indian Railways therein?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 614 BY SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 17.05.2007 REGARDING AGREEMENT ON TRANS-ASIAN RAILWAY

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): The Inter-governmental Agreement on Trans-Asian Railway was negotiated under the aegis of United Nations-Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN-ESCAP) and was opened for signature during the Ministerial Conference on Transport at Busan in November 2006. The Agreement defines and lists the railway lines of international importance including the missing links and lays down the guiding principles relating to technical characteristics for providing seamless transport on the Trans Asian Railway network. The Agreement does not estimate the total investment required on the network. However, the missing link in India is from Jiribam to Tamu in Myanmar. The construction of this missing link, as per the feasibility study conducted by Ministry of External Affairs through RITES Limited, is estimated to cost Rs.2941 crores. On this portion, Ministry of Railways has sanctioned construction of the 97 kilometres new rail link between Jiribam and Tupul (short of Imphal) costing Rs.727.56 crores.